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## 1. A convoy of vehicles

\_\_\_\_\_ arrived at Stendal (D 53/Y 35) on 3 August. The officers riding in the vehicles were said to have included Marshal Timoshenko and 18 generals. The marshal allegedly arrived in Berlin on the Blue Express on 2 August and proceeded to Stendal by car on 3 August. The general officers were billeted in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Marshal Timoshenko stayed in Stendal for only one day but the other generals remained until 11 August, during which period, large-scale field exercises were conducted on the Elbe River. The purpose of the exercise was apparently to prevent an enemy attacking eastward from crossing the Elbe River. The exercise allegedly involved units from Stendal, Perleberg, Salzwedel and Letzling Hoth. However, not all of the units from Stendal participated in it. A motor column \_\_\_\_\_ was repeatedly seen driving to the training area \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

## 2. A convoy of more than 30 trucks, each carrying about 20 soldiers and towing some AT guns and mortars, entered the Hindenburg Kaserne on 7 September.

\_\_\_\_\_ the Hindenburg Kaserne still quartered a signal battalion with which Major Zergakov (fnu) was identified. It was not known whether he was the commanding officer. Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel Panshenko (fnu) is the first assistant commander of the rifle regiment in the installation, rather than the commanding officer. A Unit Kalutni was transferred from the Hindenburg Kaserne to the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne or Borstel airfield in the middle of August. (2)

## 3. A convoy of about 30 motor vehicles, including 25 towing 50X1-HUM 85-mm AT guns, entered the Taubentzen Kaserne on 7 September.

\_\_\_\_\_ The commanding general of the restricted area on Thaelmann Strasse was seen getting into staff car \_\_\_\_\_ and a colonel staff car \_\_\_\_\_ on 9 August. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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4. On 1 September, the former Viehhalle (cattle auctioneering building) on Haferbreiterweg was occupied by a transport and repair shop unit in strength of about 200 men. The Reit- und Fahrschule (riding and driving school) stood vacant and was in a state of dilapidation. Light trucks on lifting platforms were seen in the yard. (3) 50X1-HUM

5. About 350 tank troops from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne with 12 T-34/35 tanks, 14 trucks and 2 field kitchens were entrained on 4 September.

The train departed toward Magdeburg. About 20 trucks which were seen leaving the Mindenburg Kaserne toward Magdeburg on 6 September were occupied by about 400 troops and towed 3 field kitchens and 3 x 120-mm mortars.

The other units stationed in Stendal were at the post on 6 September. (4)

Comments.

- (1) The motor convoy carrying the generals belonging to the Hq GORP. The generals may have inspected large-scale field exercises, which may have been conducted there during the first half of August as is indicated by the increased number of troops, primarily engineer troops, which arrived in, and departed from, the Jerichow area during that period. In this connection a field exercise also involved air units in the Tangermünde area on 9 August 1951, 50X1-HUM

tank units bivouacking 1 km northeast of Weissewarthe in mid-August, with the bivouac site having been vacated by 30 August 1951. 50X1-HUM

It is believed that these field exercises involved units from Stendal and from the Letzling Heath training area. The motor columns observed between Stendal and the training area belong to the 207th Itz Rifle Div.

- (2) The vehicles entering the Mindenburg Kaserne of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. The units carried in the installation are believed to include the unidentified signal battalion and a motorized rifle regiment, probably the 598th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. Colonel Panchenko (fnu) as the commanding officer of the motorized rifle regiment at the end of June 1951. Major Zertov (fnu) was the commanding officer of the signal battalion.

- (3) The vehicles which, according to the present report, were observed in the restricted area, belong to the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps, while those seen at the other two installations belong to the 207th Itz Rifle Div and, probably, to a headquarters unit of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps.
- (4) The two units observed on 4 and 6 September 1951 were components of the 207th Itz Rifle Div. The statement that tank troops from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne were entrained confirms the assumption that the unidentified tank regiment, possibly the 16th Gds. of the 207th Itz Rifle Div is stationed there.

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